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GEORGIA ACCOUNTING FOOD FIGHT TEAMS RAISED 906,509 MEALS FOR THE ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

ATLANTA, GA – (September 21, 2020) Atlanta Community Food Bank is delighted to share the results for the 2020 Georgia Accounting Food Fight. This is the seventh statewide competition organized by the Georgia Society of CPAs and the Georgia Food Bank Association, which took place August 10 – 21, 2020. During the two-week competition, accounting professionals raised food and funds for nine food banks across the state.

This year 47 accounting firms and industry accounting departments competed in the event in the North Georgia and Atlanta area, raising a record-breaking $226,627 for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. This is more than a 44% percent increase over last year’s results and an equivalent of 906,509 meals provided for the organization’s 29 county service area.

"We are so thankful to Georgia’s accounting industry for yet another outstanding Food Fight," said Kyle Waide, President and CEO of Atlanta Community Food Bank. "We are blessed to have experienced significant growth in donations year after year through this friendly competition, and we send our sincerest gratitude to those who have dedicated their time and efforts to helping us fight hunger."

In Atlanta Community Food Bank’s 29 county service area, one in six people are food insecure and one in four children are food insecure. According to Feeding America, COVID-19 will leave more 1.8 million Georgians in a state of food insecurity. Nationally, Feeding America projects more than 54 million people could face hunger in the wake of the pandemic.

“I am thankful to be part of the CPAs in Georgia who care about community and doing for others. I look forward to participating in this event every year” said Anna M. Abernathy, Grand Prize Winner, 2020.

Awards presented in several categories including Food Fight Hero, Industry, Sole Proprietor, Big Four, Large Firm, Medium Firm and Small Firm. Each pound of food donated counted as one point, and each dollar contributed counted as four points. Bonus points were given for signing up early, volunteering and more. For the fourth year running, Sole proprietor Anna Abernathy, CPA in Lawrenceville, won the honor of Grand Prize Food Fight Hero, raising $5,500 and earning the most points per employee statewide. This year’s Hunger Champion was Nichols, Cauley & Associates who raised an amazing $43,070 statewide. Find a full list of winners below.

“This has been an incredible year to be a part of the Georgia Accounting Food Fight. The profession has come together yet again for the cause of fighting hunger across all of Georgia. The final donations were truly impressive for our profession. Nichols Cauley has enjoyed the competition each year and we look forward to helping our communities in the years to come,”
said Kirk Jarrett of Nichols, Cauley & Associates, Partner, and current Chair of Georgia Society of CPAs.

2020 GEORGIA ACCOUNTING FOOD FIGHT WINNERS:

**GRAND PRIZE FOOD FIGHT HERO**
ANNA ABERNATHY CPA
MOST POINTS PER EMPLOYEE STATEWIDE
22,300 Points Per Employee

**GRAND PRIZE HUNGER CHAMPION**
NICHOLS, CAULEY & ASSOCIATES
MOST OVERALL POINTS STATEWIDE
177,281 Total Points

**BIG FOUR WINNERS**
KPMG
MOST POINTS OVERALL
26,989 Total Points

DELOITTE
MOST POINTS PER EMPLOYEE
70 Points per Employee

**INDUSTRY WINNER**
TERADATA CORPORATION
MOST POINTS OVERALL
& MOST POINTS PER EMPLOYEE
7,139 Total Points & 79 Points per Employee

**LARGE FIRM WINNERS**
MOORE COLSON
MOST POINTS OVERALL
114,532 Total Points

TJS DEEMER DANA LLP
MOST POINTS PER EMPLOYEE
844 Points per Employee

**MEDIUM FIRM WINNERS**
WILLIAMS BENATOR & LIBBY LLP
MOST POINTS OVERALL
27,483 Total Points

R.L. JENNINGS & ASSOCIATES, PC
MOST POINTS PER EMPLOYEE
1,600 Points per Employee
About the Atlanta Community Food Bank:
The Atlanta Community Food Bank works to end hunger with the food, people and big ideas needed to ensure our neighbors have the nourishment to lead healthy and productive lives. Far too many people in our own community experience hunger every day, including children, seniors and working families. Through nearly 700 nonprofit partners, we help more than 755,000 people get healthy food every year. Our goal is that all hungry people across metro Atlanta and North Georgia will have access to the nutritious meals they need when they need them. It takes the power of our whole community to make that possible. Join us at ACFB.org.